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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

**No. 2115**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Bradford**

February 20, 2014

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An act to amend Section 18911 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to CalFresh.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2115, as amended, Bradford. CalFresh: school meals.

Existing law provides for the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), known in California as CalFresh, under which supplemental nutrition assistance benefits allocated to the state by the federal government are distributed to eligible individuals by each county. Existing federal law requires that a child receiving benefits under SNAP be certified as eligible for free lunches and free breakfasts without further application. Existing law requires a county welfare department to compile a list of emergency food providers and make that list available upon request.

This bill would additionally require a county human services agency to compile a list of ~~child feeding and summer feeding programs~~. *emergency and supplemental food assistance providers, as specified.* The bill would also require a county human services agency to provide an applicant household that has children with information about how to enroll the children in *the California Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC Program)* and the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs while the

CalFresh application is pending and to inform the household that if the household is certified for CalFresh, *specified children in the household are income-eligible for the WIC Program and all children in the household are directly certified for the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs without further application.*

By increasing the duties of county human services agencies, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 18911 of the Welfare and Institutions
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 18911. (a) An application and an authorization for participation
- 4 in CalFresh shall be processed within a period of not more than
- 5 30 days from the date of application.
- 6 (b) The department shall develop written information that
- 7 describes the eligibility and verification requirements for expedited
- 8 service, the process for applying for those benefits, and the
- 9 availability of assistance in filling out the forms and gathering
- 10 needed documentation.
- 11 (c) A county human services agency shall make the material
- 12 developed pursuant to subdivision (b) available to an applicant at
- 13 the time the applicant initially seeks CalFresh benefits.
- 14 (d) A county human services agency shall, upon request, make
- 15 available the information developed pursuant to subdivision (b)
- 16 to community action agencies, legal services offices, emergency
- 17 food programs, and other programs.
- 18 (e) A county human services agency shall compile a list of
- 19 emergency *and supplemental food assistance* providers, including
- 20 ~~local child feeding and summer feeding programs, nutrition~~
- 21 ~~assistance programs authorized by Chapter II (commencing with~~

1 *Section 210.1) of Subtitle B of Title 7 of the Code of Federal*  
2 *Regulations, in the area served by the local CalFresh office. The*  
3 *list shall be updated, based on information the county receives*  
4 *from the emergency and supplemental food assistance providers,*  
5 *cities, and school districts, summer lunch providers, the California*  
6 *Department of Education, and California Special Supplemental*  
7 *Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC*  
8 *Program).* The list shall be made available to households applying  
9 for CalFresh. A county human services agency shall provide an  
10 applicant household that has children with information about how  
11 to enroll the children in the *WIC Program and the National School*  
12 *Lunch and School Breakfast Programs while the CalFresh*  
13 *application is pending and shall inform the household that if the*  
14 *household is certified for CalFresh, children under five years of*  
15 *age in the household are income-eligible for the WIC Program,*  
16 *pursuant to Section 246.7 of Title 7 of the Code of Federal*  
17 *Regulations, and all children in the household are directly certified*  
18 *for the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs*  
19 *without further application, pursuant to Section 245.6 of Title 7*  
20 *of the Code of Federal Regulations.*

21 (f) A county human services agency shall make available to  
22 CalFresh applicants, upon request, nonpromotional information  
23 that contains addresses and phone numbers of local legal services  
24 and welfare rights organizations.

25 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that  
26 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to  
27 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made  
28 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division  
29 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.